

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from J. Thomas Manger, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EUROPE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges in Europe”. Testimony was heard from General Tod Wolters, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. European Command; and Celeste Wallander, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF CARE IN THE MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Military Health System”. Testimony was heard from Dez Del Barba, Veteran, U.S. Army; Sharon Silas, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office; Lieutenant General Ronald J. Place, Director, Defense Health Agency, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General R. Scott Dingle, Surgeon General, U.S. Army; Rear Admiral (Upper Half) Bruce L. Gillingham, Surgeon General, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Robert I. Miller, Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; and a public witness.

FDA USER FEE REAUTHORIZATION: ENSURING SAFE AND EFFECTIVE MEDICAL DEVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “FDA User Fee Reauthorization: Ensuring Safe and Effective Medical Devices”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Shuren, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF AMERICA’S STOCK EXCHANGES: EXAMINING THEIR ROLE IN OUR ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Investor Protection and Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Oversight of America’s Stock Exchanges: Examining Their Role in Our Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MOVING BEYOND THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS: THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S PROGRESS IN COMBATING THE PANDEMIC AND A PLAN FOR THE NEXT PHASE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled “Moving Beyond the Coronavirus Crisis: The Biden Administration’s Progress in Combating the Pandemic and a Plan for the Next Phase”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Vivik Murthy, M.D., Surgeon General of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services; Dawn O’Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; and Rochelle Walensky, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

MORE ACT; AFFORDABLE INSULIN NOW ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3617, the “MORE Act”; and H.R. 6833, the “Affordable Insulin Now Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3617, the “MORE Act”, and H.R. 6833, the “Affordable Insulin Now Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3617, the “MORE Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–37, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 3617 printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6833, the “Affordable Insulin Now Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among

and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–38, modified by the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021, is amended by striking “April 1, 2022” each place it appears and inserting “April 29, 2022”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pallone, Chairman Nadler, and Representatives Rodgers of Washington, Biggs, and Burgess.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 6052, the “VA OIG Training Act”; legislation on the Faster Payments to Veterans’ Survivors Act; legislation on the Improving Oversight of the Veterans Community Care Providers Act; legislation on the VA Preventing Duplicate Payments Act; legislation on the Improving VA Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Act; legislation on the Improving VA Workforce Diversity Through Minority-Serving Institutions Act; legislation on the VA Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Data Improvement Act; H.R. 5776, the “Serving Our LGBTQ Veterans Act”; H.R. 6638, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and legislation to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out an information technology system to manage supply chains for medical facilities of Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Edward Murray, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Christopher Wilbur, Counselor to the Inspector General/Acting Assistant Inspector General for Management and Administration, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Seto Bagdoyan, Director of Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S 2022 TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Biden Administration’s 2022 Trade Policy Agenda”. Testimony was heard from Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D290)

H.R. 55, to amend section 249 of title 18, United States Code, to specify lynching as a hate crime act. Signed on March 29, 2022. (Public Law 117–107)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine addressing the housing needs of America’s seniors, focusing on affordability and accessibility, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges facing domestic critical mineral mining, processing, refining, and reprocessing, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s 2022 trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine China’s role in Latin America and the Caribbean, 10 a.m., SD–106/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek Kan, of California, and Daniel Mark Tangherlini, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10:15 a.m., SD–342.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine preventing tragedies and promoting safe, accessible, and affordable homes, 10 a.m., VTC.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “State of the CFTC”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn and Zoom.